

County Alliance Meetings.

I — ORANGE.

Editor of The Progressive Farmer:

The Orange County Farmers' Alliance met in regular session at Alliance. Headquarters, April 9, 1903. The meeting was well attended. All the subs in the county were represented and the reports show some increase in membership. After attending to the regular business, we had a regular experience meeting on the hows and whys of farming, and every one seemed to enjoy the occasion. We heard little complaint from any one. In fact, I believe the farmers of this section are in better condition to-day than ever before, and I mean by this, not only financially, but mentally and morally.

Now is the time to build up the Alliance and to continue the good work that has been started.

Fraternally,

GEO. F. CRUTCHFIELD,

Secretary.

II — FRANKLIN.

Editor of The Progressive Farmer:

The Franklin County Farmers Alliance was held in Louisburg on Thursday, April 9th. The courthouse being under way of repair, we had to seek out a room to hold our meeting in. Through the kindness of Messrs. Collie & Beasley, they tendered to us the use of one of their warehouse rooms, which was accepted, and we take this opportunity to offer our thanks to those clever gentlemen for their kindness.

The Alliance was called to order by our worthy president, Bro. E. M. Gupton. After prayer by Bro. Mad. White, the president announced the order ready for business. The roll was called and twelve subs were represented, and later on another sub was admitted, making thirteen subs in all. All of them were well represented. The president appointed the following brethren as committee on "good of the Order": Mad. White, E. N. Williams and W. A. Burnett. The lecturer and assistant lecturer offered the following: "That the committee on 'good of the Order' be empowered by the County Alliance to assist in reorganizing any subs that may desire it." The resolution was adopted.

Well, it will not, perhaps, interest your readers to go too much into details. The meeting was very interesting and harmonious. I never saw a County Alliance more in earnest, and judging from the speeches of the brethren they are determined to avoid some of the mistakes of the past: to attend to their own business and let other people's alone with only one object in view—that of bettering the condition of the farmers and furthering the agricultural interests of the State. Our worthy lecturer, Bro. H. D. Egerton, gave us a good lecture. I think we made no mistake in getting him for our lecturer. I will conclude by saying the Franklin County Alliance adjourned to meet in the court-house in Louisburg at 10 o'clock on second Thursday in July.

W. H. STALLINGS, Sec.

Latest North Carolina Crop Bulletin.

Planting corn made some progress on uplands, and early planted has come up nicely. Preparations for cotton have begun in the south, and the large amount of fertilizer being used indicates that a large crop of cotton will be planted. Tobacco plants are very forward and fine for the season, transplanting has just begun, an unusually early date for the commencement of this work. Winter wheat and oats are still fine, though complaints of some damage by excessive moisture and rust are more numerous; frost caused some yellowing, which will disappear with warmer weather. Truck crops are doing well. Irish potatoes are being planted and a large portion of the crop is up. Shipments of truck and strawberries are becoming quite heavy.

The consensus of opinion in regard to the damage caused by the freeze of 5th is that the injury is less than expected. Peaches, apples, plums and cherries undoubtedly suffered serious injury in the central-west portion, but less in the east where the fruit had set to considerable size; many correspondents state that there are plenty of peaches left; many apple trees are now in bloom and are safe. The damage to strawberries was less than 20 per cent, but much greater to truck crops away from the coast line, especially to peas and beans, necessitating considerable replanting.

The Iredell Sheep Divided.

Messrs. Samuel Archer, W. H. Adderholdt and W. B. Gibson, who went into the sheep business in this county more than a year ago and are encouraged with the prospects of success, have divided their flock. The sheep have been kept alternately on the farms of Messrs Adderholdt, in Bethany Township, and Gibson, at Fancy Hill, in charge of Mr. Archer. The latter has recently married and he will take his part of the sheep to his new home near Mt. Ulla, in Rowan County. Mr. Archer will pass through town to-day with his flock en route to Rowan. He is thoroughly familiar with the sheep business and is an enthusiast on the subject.—Landmark.

[Mr. Archer is a regular correspondent of The Progressive Farmer. We congratulate him on his new-found happiness.—Editor.]

Asheville Citizen: A San Francisco dispatch printed in the Citizen Tuesday told of the death of William J. Best, of New York, at San Rafael on Monday. The item recalls an important period in the history of this section—the sale of the Western North Carolina Railroad in the early eighties to "W. J. Best and his associates." The sales was made by a special session of the Legislature, called by Governor Jarvis. Mr. Best took charge and made things hum, but they hummed at the expense of his backers who soon deserted him and the road passed into the possession of the Richmond and Danville Road, to later become a part of the Southern.

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